

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dennis W. Metzger and Renee M. Buchanan

Application No.: 09/924,896 Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: August 8, 2001 Examiner: P.M. Mertz

Confirmation No.: 3394

For: IL-12 Enhancement of Immune Responses to T-Independent Antigens

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING | |
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202 | |
| on <u>2.6.03</u> | <u>Jenine Crump</u> |
| Date | Signature |
| <u>Jenine Crump</u> | |
| Typed or printed name of person signing certificate | |

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 13, 2002, the claims of Group II (Claims 8, 16, 20 and 24) drawn to a method of inducing an immune response to a T-cell independent antigen by administering a polynucleotide encoding IL-12 and the T-cell independent antigen are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

09/924,896

-2-

A one-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

By Anne J. Collins
Anne J. Collins
Registration No.: 40,564
Telephone: (978) 341-0036
Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133

Dated: *February 6, 2003*